

REMARKS

Pending Claims

Claims 1 and 4-19 are pending. Claims 15-19 have been allowed, and claims 4 and 8-14 are objected to.

Objected-To Claims and Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner indicated that objected-to claims 4 and 8-13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have cancelled claims 4 and 8-13 and added new claims 20-26, representing claims 4 and 8-13 rewritten in independent form, as follows:

| Objected-To Claim | Rewritten In Independent Form And Added as New Claim |
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New claims 20-26 should therefore be allowable.

The Examiner also indicated that objected-to claim 14 would be allowable if a typographical error in the claim was corrected. Applicants appreciate the Examiner pointing out the typographical error and have corrected it. Claim 14, as amended, should therefore be allowable.

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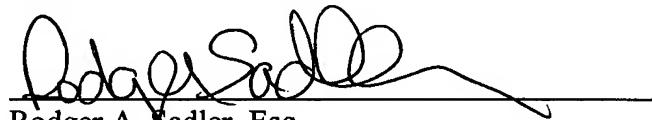
Claims 1 and 5-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,615,089 to Russie. Applicants have canceled claims 1 and 5-7, rendering this ground of rejection moot.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that all of the claims pending in the application now are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks respectfully is requested.

The Examiner is invited to call Applicants' undersigned attorney if doing so would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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